

審判者阿、願你快來

信經：將來必從那裏降臨、審判活人死人

再來與審判的三個常見誤解

1. 閻王審判、十八層地獄、極樂世界
2. 彼岸的信仰
3. 末日的毀滅

這種末世論不單是二元信仰的溫床，更不能讓信徒過一個有盼望的生活。

審判的本質：拯救

- 對黑暗勢力的審判就是對被欺壓者的拯救 (路加福音 1:46-56; 6:20-26; 13:25-30)。
- 聖經的審判：不單是償善罰惡，更是重建公義的秩序。
- 審判者就是拯救者。
- 當上帝再來，祂會將公義帶回地上，並重整這個世界。任何阻擋天國來臨的勢力都要被粉碎。對於那些軟弱的、被欺壓的、飢渴慕義的，主再來當然是盼望的原由。問題的重心卻是：你自己站在哪一邊？

主再來的目標：創造的成全

- 上帝將要更新整個創造 (啟示錄 21:1-5)。
- 受造之物將要脫離敗壞的轄制 (羅馬書 8:18-25)。
- 萬有既都是靠聖子被造，上帝便藉著他叫萬有都與自己和好 (歌羅西書 1:15-23)。
- 基督的再來不是要毀滅這世界。反而上帝是要成全對創造的心意，將它更新，叫它成為新的伊甸園。

一幅不同的圖畫

- 主再來不應是恐懼的原因，反倒是盼望的原由。
- 這不單是一個個人層面的盼望，更有其社會及宇宙的層面。

Maranatha

Creed: From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Three Popular Misconceptions of Second Coming and Final Judgment

1. Individualistic Salvation: “Do I get to go to heaven? What shall I do to avoid the fire of hell?”
2. The Great Get-away
3. Doom’s Day

These classical ingredients for a dualistic faith fail to cultivate a healthy Christian hope.

Final Judgment as Deliverance

- Judgment of the powerful is mercy for the oppressed: language of the “great reversal” (Luke 1:46-56; 6:20-26; 13:25-30).
- Biblical judgment: establishment of justice, putting things right.
- Judges are deliverers.
- When God returns, he will decisively restore justice and reform this world. Whatever is on His way will be crushed. For the weak, the oppressed, and those who hunger for justice, this is a source of great hope. The question is: “Whose side are you on?”

Second Coming as Cosmic Deliverance

- God will transform the whole creation, making it new again (Rev 21:1-5).
- The creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay (Rom 8:18-25).
- The Son, through whom all things are created, will reconcile to Himself the entire creation (Col 1:15-23).
- The second coming of Christ does not bring about the destruction of the world. Quite the opposite, God will fulfill His purpose for the creation, and transform it into a new Eden.

A Very Different Picture

- The second coming is a source of hope rather than something to dread about.
- Rather than merely individualistic, this hope has a social and cosmic dimension.